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### **SALEM COUNTY CONSUMER AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES PROTECTS CONSUMERS**

*Are we getting what we pay for?*

(SALEM, NJ) – Especially with fuel prices fluctuating regularly, it is reassuring to know that the Salem County Department of Weights & Measures is keeping watch over gasoline pumps regularly by checking all weighting and measuring devices. Mark J. Robbins is the County official who makes certain that consumers are getting what they are paying for.

“There are 1,800 pumps and forty gas stations in Salem County, including two stations on the New Jersey Turnpike,” said Freeholder Bruce Bobbitt, Chairman of the Public Works Committee. “The pumps and gas stations are inspected at least once a year at a minimum.”

The Salem County Department of Weights and Measures monitors measurement of volume at gas station pumps, fuel truck meters, farm milk tanks, measurement of weight of digital and mechanical scales, pharmaceutical scales and weights and propane scales, and the measurement of time of dryers, car washes and air machines.

“Mark responds to consumer complaints by investigating and, if warranted, prosecuting the offending business,” said Freeholder Bobbitt. “He also gets back to the consumer to let them know the outcome of their complaint.”

Robbins installs on meters a device marked with his insignia and the date of last inspection in order to prevent tampering.

“Mark also regularly visits businesses that buy and sell gold to assure the accuracy of the scale,” Freeholder Bobbitt added.

Gasoline consumers in Salem County can check the gas pump they are using for the County’s Blue Seal for Accuracy. A Red Seal indicates that the pump is closed and needs further attention. Robbins also suggests that consumers make sure the pump is at “00” when the attendant starts pumping and always check receipts when using a credit or debit card.